

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14 of the Substitute Specification has been amended as follows:

According to the invention, an ultrasonic shock wave head has an annular (with respect to the indicated dot-and-dash center axis) shock wave source 2 with planar radiation surface 4. An acoustic lens 6 is arranged at a distance from this radiation surface 4, the acoustic lens 6 being biconvex in the exemplary embodiment and focusing the ultrasonic shock waves emitted by the shock wave source 2 in a focus (not shown in the figure).

The paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 of the Substitute Specification has been amended as follows:

A support housing 8 for accommodation of the shock wave source 2 is integrally molded as one piece ~~[[on]]~~ with the acoustic lens 6. This support housing 8 has an inner, approximately hollow-cylindrical wall part 10 that is concentrically surrounded by an outer wall part 12 (likewise integrally-molded ~~[[on]]~~ with the lens 6). The hollow space 14 surrounded by the inner wall part 10 extends up to the acoustic lens 6 and empties into the coupling space 16 bounded thereby, the coupling space 16 being filled with a coupling fluid (normally water) in operation of the device. The hollow space 14 serves for acquisition of an image-generating ultrasonic transducer arrangement that generates an A-image or a B-image and serves for monitoring of the correct positioning of the focus in the body of a patient.

The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7 of the Substitute Specification has been amended as follows:

Annularly circumferential shoulders or sections 18 and 20 are integrally molded on the outer surface of the inner wall part 10 and the inner surface of the outer wall part 12, on which shoulders or segments 18 and 20 the shock wave source 2 rests on the edge of its radiating surface 4, respectively over an interleaving sealing rings 22 and 24. An approximately annular ~~change~~ chamber 26 located between the shock wave source 2 and the acoustic lens 6 and filled with fluid in operation is sealed fluid-tight by this sealing ring 22, 24. In the exemplary embodiment, further sealing rings 28, 30 are optionally provided at the sealing rings 22, 24 in order to seal the chamber 26.

The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7 of the Substitute Specification has been amended as follows:

Although modifications and changes may be suggested by those skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come within the scope of their contribution to the art.

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